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REFERENCES

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1. In late August 1954, units from Trebbin-Glau and Saxony, which participated in signal courses, had left the Stahnsdorf post. In early September, Soviet soldiers stated that the units from the Stahnsdorf post were to leave for 10-day exercises about mid-September.

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2. The AAA unit which was absent from the West Kaserne (5181) in Hillersleben, had not yet returned by 8 September. An officer returned on 5 September in order to visit the Leipzig Fair prior to 12 September. He stated that he had to be back on 12 September because he had to prepare exercises. ¹

3. At 1225 on 5 September, a train of 35 flatcars and 1 boxcar passed through the Magdeburg-Buckau railroad station. The train came from the direction of Schoenebeck and went north. It carried 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns, 23 trucks, 2 field kitchens and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. ²

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4. At 1620 on 7 September, 3 of the 16 rocket launchers which left Rathenow on 31 August, returned to the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow from the direction of Neue Schleuse (new lock).

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5. On 9 September, rocket launchers passed through Rathenow. They came from the direction of the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. The front section of the canvas-covered guide rails of the vehicles did not extend to the driver's cab as with an M-31 rocket launcher, but left space for two benches, each for 3 soldiers. Rocket launchers of this type had been observed on the road to Moegelin on the preceding day. ³

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6. On 10 September, a train of 24 empty cars, which had apparently been unloaded in Dallgow, was seen at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. ⁴

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1. Comment. Numerous observations, also at other troop units in the zone, indicate that fall maneuvers will start in the second half of September. The AAA unit mentioned in paragraph 2 is the 2503d Gds AAA Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, light units of which transferred to Altengrabow on one train on 31 July. 25X1
2. Comment. The train presumably carried AAA units en route to Wustrow. 25X1
3. Comment. According to information in paragraph 4, elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig were transferred on 31 August, possibly to Altengrabow. They are believed to have returned to their post on 7 September. According to source of paragraph 5, the brigade had been allotted new rocket launchers in late July and mid-August, which, according to the present information, may have been rocket launchers of a new type with a caliber of 220 to 240 mm. This type of rocket launcher was first observed during the 1954 May Day parade in Moscow. 25X1
4. Comment. This is presumably the same shipment which, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] went from Altengrabow to Doeberitz on 9 September. 25X1
It may have involved light AAA units of the 1st Mecz Div which moved to Altengrabow on 18 August. 25X1

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